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THE LAW

Rosenberg children given temporarily to grandma; long legal fight likely

MICHAEL and Robbie Rosenberg last week were temporarily restored to the custody of their grandmother, Mrs. Sophie Rosenberg, after the Welfare Dept. on Feb. 18 in a surprise action had caused them to be committed to the Jewish Child Care Assn. by Domestic Relations Court Judge Jacob Panken. State Supreme Court Justice James B. M. McNally last Saturday granted a verbal request by attorney Alexander Bloch that the children, aged 11 and 6, remain with their grandmother pending outcome of the action begun by the city. Justice McNally set March 9 for hearing on a writ of habeas corpus to void the Welfare Dept. move.

HEARING PUT OVER: But two other court actions complicated the case. Judge Panken on Tuesday postponed until Friday, Feb. 26, a full hearing on charges instituted by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children that the children have been "exploited" for fund-raising purposes. The original action was brought against Anne and Abel Meeropol, with whom the children had been living happily since Christmas; Judge Panken on Tuesday took under consideration a motion by city attorneys that Mrs. Rosenberg now be included. He indicated a belief that he possesses "original jurisdiction" as against any rulings by the State Supreme Court.

A third legal move is scheduled for March 5 before Surrogate George Frankenthaler who will hear a petition by Welfare Commissioner Henry L. McCarthy that Morton L. Deitch, president of the Jewish Child Care Assn., be appointed legal guardian of the Rosenberg boys and custodian of their "property."

COURTROOM DRAMA: Dramatic highlight of the complex legal actions launched against the children came on

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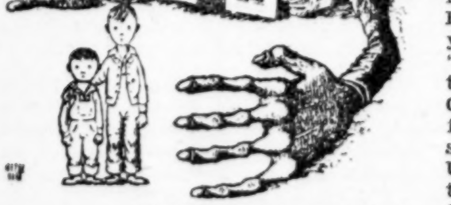
"They are my children and I want to take them."
Robbie and Michael Rosenberg with Grandmother Sophie Rosenberg after Judge McNally's decision.



Mitelberg in Humanite, Paris

WAR & PEACE

THE MAIN RESULT AT BERLIN

East-West talks reopened after 5-year halt

By Tabitha Petran

THE Berlin Conference opened the door to a new period in post-war history: the conference system between East and West—suspended for five years by Washington in favor of its "policy of strength"—has been re-established and expanded to include China. The Asia Conference, scheduled for Geneva April 26, lifts "the pariah status forced upon it [China] by the U.S." (N.Y. **Times,** 2/21) and is a step toward realization of the World Peace Council's demand in 1951 for a Big Five Conference to relax world tensions.

Despite Washington's build-up of a new crisis over Indo-China, the world emerged from Berlin "more reassured of a temporary peace than it has . . . from any previous post-war foreign ministers' conference" (N.Y. **Herald Tribune,** 2/21). Washington had to admit that its plan to use the conference to show "the bankruptcy of Soviet foreign policy" failed (Ned Russell, **NYHT,** 2/21). Instead, the Western ministers were reported to feel that

> ". . . however good their case, they had not carried it to the public at Berlin. This view tended to be supported by reports of European reaction to the conference" **(NYT, 2/21).**

THE BIGGER BANG: And yet Berlin also showed there was no change in Washington's policy: tactical retreats were forced by world public opinion, aided by realistic Soviet diplomacy, but genuine negotiations have yet to be achieved. Secy. Dulles agreed to sit down with China only because "there was no way to avoid . . . [it] without facing serious political consequences in France" (James Reston, **NYT,** 2/22). Congressional reaction, and the nature of Dulles' "explanation," showed continued determination to make settlement in Asia impossible or delay it indefinitely.

As the conference proceeded, Washington's main activity was tightening of its ring of forward A-bomb and depot bases encircling the socialist world. It sent the first unit of B-47 atomic jet bombers to Moroccan bases from which "potential targets in European Russia and the Black Sea oil region are brought into range"; announced 19 more air bases in construction in Britain, 11 impending air and naval bases in Spain. It was equipping U.S. bases in Greece to handle atom bombers and preparing to send occupation troops (**Tribune de Geneve,** 1/29); transforming Turkey "from a purely defensive bastion into a springboard for defensive action" (**NYT,** 2/21); speeding the Pakistan military deal. It was trying to take direction of the Indo-China war so "the more aggressive tactics" favored by the U.S. military could be pursued (**NYHT,** 2/21); preparing "plans for broadening the defense base in and around Thailand" (**Business Week,** 2/20); building more bases in the Philippines and operating from there an airlift to Indo-China which "could grow into a much bigger mission" (**AP,** 2/21); heralding more H-bomb tests in the Pacific.

Berlin nevertheless showed the growing power of world opinion, the sharpening internal contradictions in the Western alliance. In these lay possibilities for bettering international relations; but more determined efforts by all peoples were demanded since the

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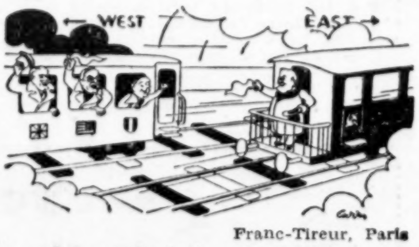

Franc-Tireur, Paris
Au revoir but not goodbye.

THE ORDEAL OF A PEOPLE'S PASTOR

Claude Williams dismissed by Presbytery for preaching 'heresy' it once cheered

THE Rev. Claude Williams, born of a sharecropper family in the Tennessee hills, entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in 1921 and became convinced through experiences in poor Southern communities that his religion commanded him to take the poor people's side against the rich. For doing this in struggles of miners and sharecroppers for better conditions, he was beaten, jailed, ousted from an Arkansas pastorate. By 1940 he had developed his people's interpretation of the Bible which became the basis of the People's Institute of Applied Religion, and which was set forth in that year, together with his life story, in Cedric Belfrage's **A Faith to Free the People.**

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REV. CLAUDE WILLIAMS
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"Ye hypocrites, are those your pranks?
To murder men and give God thanks?
Desist for shame! Proceed no further
God won't accept your thanks for murther."
—ROBERT BURNS.

REPORT TO READERS

The 12-page Guardian and what you can do

IT IS OUR PLEASURE to report that more than 5,000 people flocked to the GUARDIAN-ASP review, **State of the Nation,** during its West Coast five week-ends of showings in Los Angeles winding up at the Embassy on Lincoln's Birthday week-end.

On Lincoln's Birthday eve, in New York, a good, round thousand people turned out for the GUARDIAN Winter Ball at Manhattan Center, danced their feet off to a dandy band, enjoyed excellent entertainment topped by Pete Seeger and Sonny Terry, and swelled the treasury generously in response to that very newest of newfangles, the "Collection" song.

Earlier, in Chicago, our GUARDIAN boosters caught Pete Seeger passing through on FDR's Birthday night and staged a Standing Room Only affair with 200 more people than the house would hold trying to pack themselves in.

ALL ACROSS THE LAND, GUARDIAN people have been getting together by tens, hundreds and thousands—staging their own shows, playing the GUARDIAN Fifth Anniversary record or just sitting down and swapping stories—to help us to a proper start for our sixth year of publication. We at home base are prouder than Punch of the loyalty, generosity and enterprise reflected in every one of these get-togethers.

It is largely because of this enthusiasm, almost everywhere we turn, that we have been encouraged to expand the paper nationally to 12 pages beginning March 15.

We think you will like the new, expanded GUARDIAN a lot better. It will contain the lively New York news which for the last year has been the private enjoyment of East Coasters; and we will try to have a more regular interchange of community news so that we can all get to know each other better.

Space will still be limited, of course. New features will have to fight with current ones for a place in the sun. We'll try to retain the best, with something new added for everyone.

WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP is in reaching new readers. For introductory purposes we have set up a $1 six-month sub, for new subscribers only. We are confident that your friends will be glad to get the new GUARDIAN and will carry on as full-fledged readers and boosters once you have done the honors of the introduction.

The new subs will start with the March 15 issue if you speed them in now. How about picking up that telephone tonight, and checking on how many of your friends will be pleased to meet the new GUARDIAN?

—THE EDITORS

THE MAIL BAG

Bloch speaks in Paris

PARIS, FRANCE

I took along my copy of the GUARDIAN's 5th Anniversary Banquet record to a Rosenberg Fund meeting Feb. 16. A Protestant pastor announced the people would hear Manny Bloch's voice as he spoke at the anniversary of the first paper in the world to take up the Rosenberg case. At the end we were all in tears; everyone stood in silence. Afterwards the man who recorded the meeting for the left-wing broadcasting system Ce Soir en France borrowed the recording to make from it a permanent record It was good to be able to do something both for the Rosenberg kids and for the GUARDIAN.

Jeanne Sauvage

Bloch in Canada

BURLINGTON, ONT.

It seems incredible that only a few short weeks ago I talked with Emanuel Bloch during his lecture tour here. My friends and I got a terrific shock when we heard of his passing. We firmly believe he was a casualty of the grim times in America.

I think you would like to know he spoke of the GUARDIAN folks with a deep and warm affection. You bolstered his magnificent courage and gave him added strength in his terrifying battle. I for one salute you! **Ivy Stoetzer**

A Christian land?

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

At a "prayer breakfast" of the Intl. Council for Christian Leadership, attended by President Eisenhower, Chief Justice Warren spoke of the U.S. as "a Christian land governed by Christian principles."

I, for one, challenge that statement. If Warren had said "a democratic land governed by humane principles," I would have accepted it. At least that's what it's supposed to be.

The First Amendment to the Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The Declaration of Independence mentions the word Christian only once and then only to condemn the "piratical warfare . . . of the Christian King of Great Britain."

Just last week Mr. Eisenhower made a pious statement relative to the sanctity of "the church, the synagogue and the mosque." I might point out, for the President's information, that neither the synagogue nor the mosque are Christian. **Alta Gay Schechter**

How crazy can you get dept.

LET'S SPEAK RIGHT OUT ABOUT FLASH BURNS.—World conditions being as tough as they are, it's time to be frank and realistic with ourselves . . . A-Bombs play no favorites. That's where KIP comes in. If we do become a target, we'll have burns. . . . Just spread it on. That's all. Your druggist has KIP—get half a dozen 50c tubes or $1 tins. Keep them in your first-aid kit and around the house where you can get to 'em quick in case you need 'em. . . . KIP doesn't mean perhaps—it's SURE.

—Display ad in Los Angeles Mirror, Feb. 10.

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Pennies from heaven

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Accept this gift of $5 from our little boy David who passed away Jan. 15, aged 2 years, 8 months. We're sure the pennies he saved in his bank were meant for you.

Dorothy & Paul Villard

Bring 'em back!

LEMONT, ILL.

I have wired Sen. John C. Stennis (Miss.), congratulating him for demanding recall of American boys from Indo-China, and also Sen. Richard B. Russell (Ga.), for alerting people to the mistake of their being there. To my own Senators, Dirksen and Douglas, I have wired urging them to join Russell and Stennis, adding: "Never mind that these Senators are Democrats and you disagree on many other matters. All the people want no more Koreas and expect Republicans to give us a peace prosperity."

Mary Phillips

The Foul War

LA CRESCENTA, CALIF.

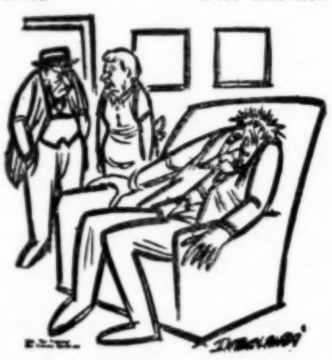
What have the Viet-Minh people done to us
That we should burn their hamlets with napalm?
We have destroyed the Land of Morning Calm.
Surely our guilt for that is onerous
Enough without more blood upon our hands?
Dresden and Hiroshima cry to God
For vengeance, yet our leaders think it odd
That we are not beloved in all the lands
Which we have ruined in the holy name
Of Freedom — Freedom to Exploit for Gain
Their people and resources. For how long
Will we take part in this appalling wrong
Concocted by a wealthy clique insane
With greed? Have we, too, lost all sense of shame?

Hugh Hardyman

Progress and provision

DETROIT, MICH.

PARITY: The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have made so much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little. **Eino Hiltunen**



Interlandi in L. A. Daily News

"Everybody kept telling him he should face reality, and one day he did."

Following Congress

ST. PAUL, MINN.

"It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native criminal class except Congress." Thus spoke Mark Twain (Following the Equator). It is painfully apparent that Congress is a standing committee for the Plunderbund. **Sam Pavlovic**

David Strouse

DENVER, COLO.

A heart attack closed the book of life suddenly for one of the young members, David Strouse, 44, of our Breakfast Club. The $25 enclosed comes from the members of this group in loving memory of him. Instead of funeral flowers, a "cause" close to Dave's heart is remembered. As he was a good GUARDIAN soldier in lifetime, fighting against discrimination, social injustice and war, the check comes to you to help continue waging the good fight. May such valued souls, who are neither dead nor buried, live on.

Denver Sunday Breakfast Club

P. S.: We meet once a month (Sunday morning), rotating homes where the hostess furnishes the food. Guests pay $1 per plate and the money goes to a progressive cause designated by the hostess. We find, after devouring a hearty breakfast when there is not the pressure of getting to a job, the time is ripe for congenial discussion, relaxation and story telling. Perhaps GUARDIAN friends in other cities could be induced to try this pleasant, easy method of systematically raising small amounts for worthy causes.

About Rev. Peale

FLUSHING, N. Y.

On page 275, last paragraph, of a book I am reading, entitled **It's a Secret**, by Henry Hoke, there's a rather interesting item concerning Rev. Norman Vincent Peale:

"If the Church would cling to the inherent realm of the Church, we wouldn't have ministers like Norman Vincent Peale leading the narrow-minded pressure group dominated by Rumely of the Committee for Constitutional Government; we wouldn't have ministers actively identified with the America First Committee; we wouldn't have ministers preaching theories of the Master Race. . . ."

This (Edward Rumely) is the man who was convicted in the first World War of dealing with the German government, but later pardoned by President Coolidge.

Judith Deutsch

The old Texas spirit

BIG SPRING, TEX.

The Governor of Texas is trying to make it hard on the Socialists and Communists—so I am giving him fits on freedom of thought for all the people. **W. N. Blansitt**

The newest craze

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

The murderer of the Maxwell Bodenheims has been committed to a psychiatric ward after going berserk in court, trying to sing "The Star Spangled Banner" and shouting that he had saved the country from two "dangerous reds."

It was once traditional for the crazy to imagine themselves to be Napoleon Bonaparte. Today they think they're Joe McCarthy.

B. M. Tuccio

Anyone beat this?

MODESTO, CALIF.

I know a good bargain when I see one. Enclosed is $15 for the next five years' subscription.

S. J. Charneski

$50 food stamp plan

VANCOUVER, WASH.

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Rosenberg children

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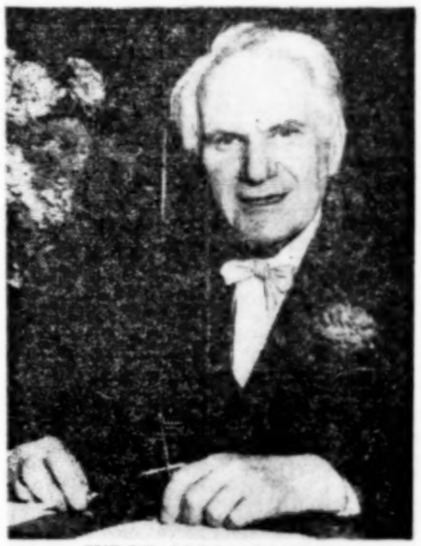
Saturday when they were brought before Justice McNally in response to a writ of habeas corpus. From the Jewish Child Care Assn.'s Pleasantville Cottage School, where they had been for two days, they were escorted to court by two women who evidently had instructed them to hide their faces as they were hurried past the corps of newspaper photographers in the corridor. In the courtroom they sat quietly with the women until the judge appeared.

He promptly called Michael and Robbie before him, shook their hands, and asked them where they wanted to sit. Michael said: "With our parents."

They ran back and sat with Anne and Abel Meeropol, with whom they lived from Christmas until Feb. 18.

ALL EYES ON BOYS: After sitting with the Meeropols for a time, Michael moved to a place beside his grandmother, Mrs. Sophie Rosenberg. The behavior of the two dispelled any possible doubt of their affection for their foster-parents and their grandmother; they demonstrated it so naturally and touchingly that reporters watched them rather than the judge.

The courtroom, usually deserted on a Saturday, was filled to capacity by a crowd so well-behaved that it disconcerted a crew of 14 court attendants under a captain obviously prepared for a "demonstration."



JUDGE JACOB PANKEN
Was there a hearing?

Justice McNally showed little patience with Welfare Dept. counsel Philip Sokol and Asst. Corp. counsel Milton Mollen. He was so scornful of their claim that the original summons was properly served on the Meeropols that he directed them then and there to read the governing section of the Children's Court Act. He agreed at once with defense attorney Alexander Bloch that there had in fact been no hearing before Judge Panken and that the hearing before him was an original application in behalf of Mrs. Rosenberg.

HER CHILDREN: As she was being sworn, the court attendants' captain lined up his men before the audience and commanded: "Do nothing. Do absolutely nothing." No one was doing anything but quietly observing the proceedings. Mrs. Rosenberg told Justice McNally:

> "Yes, I want to take them; they are my children and I want them."

Asked by Sokol why she had once before released them—they had lived with her for a year before their parents were executed—she replied that they were upset at that time by continual hounding by reporters and the taunts of neighborhood children:

> "Those children said Michael's and Robbie's father and mother were spies—I told them, 'No, darlings, don't you believe it.'"

ENTER THE FBI: She said she was glad when Emanuel Bloch, who defended the parents and was named by them as guardian of the children, had arranged for them to live with a couple in Toms River, N.J. They had been happy and adjusted there until FBI agents swarmed into the area last September. Early in October the local school principal moved to expel them from school as "non-residents." Thereafter they lived with the Meeropols.

Mrs. Rosenberg promised Justice McNally that she would teach the children to love their country, to believe in a Supreme Being, and to instruct them from the Old Testament. She affirmed that she is Orthodox in her beliefs and rigidly observes the Jewish Sabbath—she had traveled other than by foot on a Sabbath for the first time in her life for her appearance in court.

"ROBBIE'S BUS": Attorneys for the city seemed not to know what course to take; a woman who was apparently supposed to testify as to the unsuitability of Mrs. Rosenberg as custodian declined to take the stand. During a recess the children again displayed their affection for their grandmother and the Meeropols; Michael insisted on showing reporters, court attendants and attorneys the completed version of a six-chapter illustrated "book" called "Robbie's Bus" which Robbie had dictated just before the children were taken from their home.

When the hearing resumed, Justice McNally gave scant heed to arguments that the children would be better off in the Pleasantville institution, observed that Mrs. Rosenberg "is a God-fearing woman who practices her religion" and that she should have them because they "are entitled to the same chance in life as anyone else, and as far as I'm concerned they're going to get it." The children left the court in high spirits, each holding one of their grandmother's hands. They walked across City Hall Park unpestered by photographers, whom McNally had told to take all their pictures in the courtroom.

WHAT WOULD TOM DO? After the court hearing there was a reunion of the children with their friends in the office of Gloria Agrin, one of the attorneys representing them. Reporters talked to them; when Michael was asked if he wanted to say anything about Justice McNally, he replied:

> "Just God bless him—I said that to him."

Michael also reported that when he and his brother were taken into the judge's chambers for a chat:

> "I thought to myself: what would Tom Sawyer have done in this mess?"

Asked about their stay at Pleasantville, he said:

> "We were well treated, but those other children were terrible. They had no manners and used awful language, bad words I wouldn't repeat. But it's not their fault. Be sure to say that. They don't know any better. Their parents probably died when they were very young."

ILLEGAL ACT CHARGED: Michael spurned as absurd all questions concerning "exploitation" for money-raising purposes; he said, "That's ridiculous," and insisted on talking instead of a valentine his foster father had made for him.

In their brief seeking a writ of habeas corpus, attorneys acting for the Meeropols and Mrs. Rosenberg argued that the city's attempt to secure custody "was an illegal and arbitrary act and an abuse of process and the attempted illegal act was in utter disregard of the health and welfare" of the children. They pointed out that neither Mrs. Rosenberg nor the Meeropols were given any notice of the proceedings and that

> ". . . the detention of the children and the purported order of commitment made by Judge Panken is unconstitutional, unlawful, illegal and an abuse of discretion."

All allegations made by the city were not only denied, but countered with proof to the contrary.

NEW CITY MOVE: On Tuesday the Welfare Dept. moved to include Mrs. Rosenberg with the Meeropols as a defendant in its neglect charges, presumably to aid its case for guardianship in Surrogate Court. Lawyers for the children filed a brief with Judge Panken contesting bringing Mrs. Rosenberg into the case in this way.

The same day Judge Panken revealed he had received 200 cablegrams from Europe protesting the removal of the children. Typical of messages from abroad was one from the Intl. Democratic Women's Federation denouncing "brutal, inhuman treatment of innocent children" and pledging the support of 140,000,000 members in 66 countries in "efforts to restore the children to a normal life among friends."

BLOCH MEMORIAL: On Tuesday night in New York 2,000 persons attended a meeting to honor the memory of Emanuel Bloch. Nobel Prize winner Dr. Harold C. Urey in a message paid tribute to Bloch's dedication to "the worthy cause of preserving the dignity and integrity of American justice" and said:

> "We should all of us do honor to his memory by striving even more to bring the facts of the Rosenberg case to the attention of the American people and to secure some small redress of the great injustice done to two people who were disliked but who, in my opinion, were not proved guilty of the crime for which they were executed. I am sorry that we have lost the help of Mr. Bloch."

Speakers at the memorial were:

John F. Finerty, prominent attorney who was associated with Bloch in the final phases of the Rosenberg case; Mrs. Helen Sobell, wife of the co-defendant in the Rosenberg case, now serving a 30-year sentence in Alcatraz; John T. McManus, general manager of the GUARDIAN; Prof. Ephraim Cross of CCNY; and Emil Alman, exec. secy. of the Natl. Comm. to Secure Justice for Morton Sobel in the Rosenberg Case.

Seven weeks in the life of 2 kids in need of love

FOR THEM THERE WAS ONLY ONE CONCERN
L. to r.: Abel & Anne Meeropol, attorney Gloria Agrin and Mrs. Rosenberg

By Ione Kramer

Here is a picture of the kind of people to whom the Rosenberg family and attorney Emanuel Bloch had entrusted Michael and Robbie—and a picture of the progress the children had been making. This is based on an interview the day before Judge McNally's decision.

ABEL and ANNE MEEROPOL had always wanted children. Their own two sons had died at birth, said Anne Meeropol, a sweet-faced former nursery school head. "We told the boys at our first dinner together that we had lost our children and they had lost their parents, so together we became a family." The Meeropols had not known Ethel and Julius Rosenberg but had been a friend of attorney Emanuel Bloch for years. The children came to live with them last Christmas.

Talking with this reporter in their cheerful apartment at 720 Riverside Drive, they were bursting to tell of Michael's and Robbie's progress. Anne said:

"The boys have really made the place theirs [she spoke as if they were still there] just as we wanted them to. It was wonderful to see the way the children flowered since they came."

MOTHER'S SONG: After their experience in New Jersey they had resumed some of their earlier nervous traits, but lately Robbie had stopped having nightmares and gnashing his teeth in his sleep. Michael's hands had lost their tenseness at the piano. His piano teacher said that given a secure atmosphere he could learn in six months the music another child would learn in two years.

Abel produced Michael's first original three-line musical composition. They all would sing with Anne, who plays the guitar. A favorite was "Aunt Rhody" which they remembered singing with their mother.

According to Abel, Michael greatly felt the responsibility of being his brother's only "parent" and was like a little old man. But he had lost much of that feeling.

After Toms River they didn't want to go back to school. With the co-operation of the principal and permission of Bloch and the Rosenberg family, the boys attended a public school under the Meeropols' name. They were growing to like school and were getting along well with their classmates. Michael even confided he had a "girl friend."

Anne said both the principal and the district school superintendent had called her to express their shock at the Welfare Dept.'s action. A psychiatrist, whom the Meeropols had been consulting about the children, went to court Feb. 18 to testify that the action would be "disastrous" to the boys' wellbeing, but was not permitted by Judge Panken to testify.

FAMILY COUNCIL: Each week the four held a "United Family Conference" at which problems were discussed. Anne said:

"Best of all, the children have come to love us. They wake up singing and woke us up with kisses in the morning. I was so happy a few weeks ago when Robbie just threw his head back and said luxuriously: 'You can kiss me all you want to.'"

The Meeropols were waiting until the children were completely integrated with the family, before telling them of the death of Emanuel Bloch. The night before they were taken for the first time to Children's Court, they were told lest they hear it from other sources. When they heard the next morning that they would not be going to school as usual, Michael thought it was a day of "mourning for Manny."

War & Peace

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contradictions point as well toward more reckless steps to war.

"CRUELLEST DILEMMA": In Asia, Washington faced "one of the cruellest U.S. policy dilemmas of the post-war period" (**BW**, 2/20). The choice it saw was between forcing the French to continue the war under U.S. direction, sending in the Marines, or "losing" Southeast Asia. The first two presented many difficulties. French opposition to Gen. John O'Daniel's mission to train native troops and direct strategy was quickly "made clear in Washington . . . [and] will be repeated even more forcibly by French Chief of Staff Ely" who will soon confer with the U.S. Joint Chiefs (N.Y. **Journal American**, 2/20).

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY, JOHN, McCARTHY WAS QUITE BUSY . . .
Undersecy. of State Smith (l.) briefs the boss on his return

Home-front opposition to direct U.S. involvement was growing. The worst dilemma was posed by the impotence of "military supremacy" against the fact that the Viet Minh independence movement was

> ". . . steadily building up its base of support . . . day by day taking over more villages and towns which had hitherto been loyal to the French" (**Christian Science Monitor**, 2/17).

FRANCE WANTS OUT: To these obstacles was now added the prospect of the Geneva talks, which produced in France "a wave of enthusiasm . . . [which] reflected the yearning of France to end the Indo-China war" (**NYHT**, 2/21). Washington's chief concern, however, was that France might try to end the war before Geneva. Some French politicians like Pierre Mendes-France, who almost became Premier last year, demanded immediate negotiations with the Viet Minh to end the war now. (A similar plea came from India's Nehru.) **CSM** (2/17) reported "direct evidence that the French Command in Indo-China has orders to avoid casualties at all costs and merely to hang on until negotiations with the Communists can be started." From Singapore it said (2/19) of French Defense Minister Pleven's tour that denial "has not dispelled the widespread impression that the scene is being set for an unexpectedly early armistice."

But U.S. pressure was tremendous; conferences between Pleven and the U.S.'s Harold Stassen were reported to have produced agreement on continuing the war. In the U.S., pressures against settlement were seen in the continued discussion of Chief of Staff Adm. Radford's plans for direct U.S. involvement, and of Syngman Rhee's for co-ordinated attacks on China through Korea and Indo-China—and in the warnings of the China Lobby against Geneva.

TROUBLE IN GERMANY: In Europe Washington faced an unexpected crisis looming in the future. What was not surprising was that Berlin strengthened British and French opposition to German rearmament. Although French Foreign Minister Bidault was committed to push the European Defense Community in exchange for U.S. agreement to the Geneva talks, a slowdown in French action was taken for granted. What Washington did not expect was the impact in W. Germany of Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's trenchant analysis of the Bonn and Paris treaties, through which the West proposes to rearm W. Germany and grant it "sovereignty." (Molotov showed how these treaties give unlimited mischief-making power to nationalists and militarists but deny the German nation unity and sovereignty in both domestic and foreign affairs.)

This impact was apparent in the "growing uneasiness" of "responsible W. German observers" as the talks progressed (**NYT**, 2/12); in the private criticism of some W. German officials that the West had been "too inflexible" (**NYT**, 2/23); in the officials' "anxiety" because (**NYT**, 2/15)

> ". . . the idea was gaining ground . . . that the three foreign ministers had displayed little or no zeal for the reunification of Germany and were intent only on obtaining—on the basis of the conference's failure—the enactment of the EDC in France."

PILLAR & PEOPLE: Washington's fear now was that rejection of EDC in Paris "or another long delay could have the result of sweeping away the entire foundation of Adenauer's foreign policy, leaving him empty-handed before the German people" (**NYT**, 2/21). The pillar of Washington's German policy, Adenauer might fall from power if he cannot produce unification or a German peace treaty. Meanwhile an impression had been made by the Soviet proposals for Germany—emphasizing that Germany's salvation is the job of its people; isolating and safeguarding against the militarists and Nazis; envisaging all-European security agreements (32 nations as against 6 in EDC). GUARDIAN's George Wheeler reported from Berlin:

> "The people of Germany are fully aware that Mr. Molotov was more willing to discuss with them and with the three Western powers each of the problems that troubles them than were Messrs. Dulles, Eden and Bidault. The U.S.S.R. has made many friends by its proposals, the Western powers lost much ground by their mainly negative attitude."

Berlin thus opened new avenues for the people in the West to work for a revision of policy, at a time when political and economic realities in the capitalist world are forcing all major issues of world policy up for review.

Claude Williams

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In 1943 he was called to become Industrial Chaplain of the Presbytery of Detroit, where tensions between defense-plant workers, fanned by Gerald L. K. Smith and other religious demagogues, exploded shortly after his arrival in a serious race riot. Using his dynamic scriptural interpretation, Williams contributed substantially to restoring harmony and was denounced by Smith & Co. as a "communist." The Presbytery called on Williams to expound his convictions in detail, greeted the exposition with enthusiasm and supported him actively against Smith.

SMITH SOUNDS OFF: Six months before his work was finished in Detroit, Williams in a New York speech in Dec., 1945, developed the same ideas in light of the new dangers he saw ahead from American religious fascists. His warning at that time that the people's religious heritage must be reclaimed and acted upon if democracy was to be saved in America was later published as a pamphlet, **Religion—Bridge or Barrier to a People's World.** Smith & Co. renewed their assaults and began circulating vicious misquotations of Williams, which finally gained semi-official status when they appeared in a booklet of the House Un-American Activities Committee (J. Parnell Thomas, chairman) as "proof" of Williams' "communism." Williams explained the misquotations to the satisfaction of Detroit Presbytery, from which his parting had been as friendly as his arrival.

In 1947 Williams was one of a Protestant ministers' commission to Yugoslavia, to report on alleged religious persecutions there centering around the conviction of Roman Catholic Archbishop Stepinac for wartime collaboration with the Nazis. Before the commission had even delivered its report, denunciations of Williams and other members as "communistic" had come from Roman Catholic Archbishop Cushing of Boston.

"HERESY": Resuming in Helena, Ala., his work with the disinherited of the South, Williams now began to feel sharpening pressures. Atty. Gen. Tom Clark listed the People's Institute as "subversive"; the Church stopped his disability pension; the railroads withdrew his clergy travel permit. Last year the political witch-hunt focussed on the churches after "revelations" by J. B. Matthews, ordained Methodist minister who had become a spokesman not only for the Smith-type demagogues but for the McCarthy committee. The Matthews-McCarthy charges were taken up by the Un-AAC under Rep. Velde; Williams, who had been "named" by a committee witness, was one of the clergymen the Un-AAC said "should be investigated."

The Un-AAC took no action, but Detroit Presbytery did. Last month it held three-day hearings of Williams on charges of communism and doctrinal heresy (e.g., heretical views on the Trinity and the virgin birth of Jesus). Last week came Presbytery's verdict: the communism charge was "dismissed on technical grounds," but Williams was guilty of heresy and must therefore be deposed as a minister of the Church. Much of the "heresy" paralleled the views that were cheered by Presbytery when Williams expressed them in 1943.

PROTESTANTISM UNDER FIRE: In New York last week, Williams said:

> "I shall appeal this verdict to the highest courts of the Church. I will not accept the 'dismissal' of the communist charges. It is the Church's moral responsibility to find me innocent or guilty of being a Communist or following the Communist Party line; and if they find me guilty, to spell out in what way I have done so, and where I have violated the Son of Man's teachings if I have done so.
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> "No one knows better than the Communist Party that I am not a Communist. I do believe, however, that the Communist Party has as much right to exist and advocate its views as any other party. I have been called a Communist for teaching brotherhood and trying to apply it.
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> "I am not ashamed, but proud, that the issues I have raised are considered to be grounds for bringing into the open the whole question of what Protestant religion—the right to interpret religious principles according to one's own conscience, not going to a priest and asking, "Father, what should I believe?"—implies in our day. But this is the first time I have heard of Roman Catholic princes reaching into a Protestant church, warning it in effect to fire one of its ministers, and a Protestant church heeding such a warning."

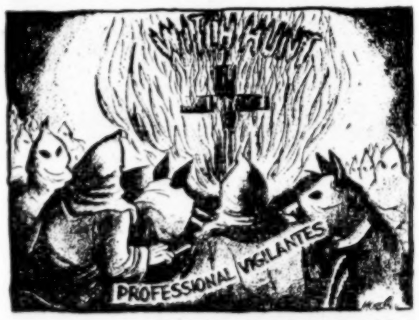
Protestant clergy ask action on "informers"

AN extraordinary group of distinguished churchmen has sent a petition to chairman William Langer of the Senate Judiciary Committee, asking for investigation and report by the Subcommittee on Civil Rights (Sen. Robert Hendrickson, chairman) on

> ". . . the use being made of the testimony by informers and the character of the persons whose testimony is being used to besmirch the reputations of American citizens, many of them Protestant clergymen and Jewish Rabbis, some of whom are no longer living and able to defend themselves."

The petitioners, who "have strong reason to believe some of the informers . . . have not spoken the truth" although none has been cited for perjury, are:

Horace W. B. Donegan, Prot. Episc. Bishop of N.Y.; John W. Lord, Methodist Bishop, Boston; Charles K. Gilbert, Prot. Episc. Bishop of N.Y. (retd.); Prot. Episc. Dean James A. Pike, N.Y.; Dana M. Greeley (Boston), secy., American Unitarian Assn.; Ralph W. Sockman, Methodist minister, N.Y.; Norman B. Nash, Prot. Episc. Bishop of Massachusetts; Phillips P. Elliott, Presb. minister, N.Y.; Lewis O. Hartman, Methodist Bishop of Boston (retd.); John H. Lathrop, Unitarian minister, Brooklyn; David J. Seligson, pres., N.Y. Board of Rabbis; Donald B. Cloward, secy., Council on Christian Social Action of Amer. Baptist Convention, N.Y.; John W. Bradbury, editor, "Watchman-Examiner", N.Y.; Leo Jung, Rabbi, N.Y.; Edwin T. Dahlberg, St. Louis minister, former pres., Northern Baptist Convention; Albert B. Coe, pres., Mass. Congregational Conf. (Boston).



Newsday, Hempstead (N.Y.)
SOLDIERS OF DARKNESS

Church resists loyalty oath

Resistance to a new form of political attack on religion came last week from the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles. A new California law requires churches and other non-profit groups to file a loyalty oath to get tax exemption; the First Unitarian congregation, which stands to lose some $7,000 a year, voted 206 to 31 to refuse to comply and test the law in the courts.

The Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, pastor of the church, was listed by the Un-AAC as sponsor of "22 pro-Soviet organizations" but, when called to testify in 1951, roundly denounced the committee and walked out.

The church board called the new state law

> ". . . a frontal assault on freedom of religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment . . . [Its] pattern, if not stopped now, will reach every single citizen at every point of his life, and American freedom of opinion and conviction will have disappeared. It is against this disaster that we are standing today."

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THE WAR IN THE SUBWAYS

Jockeying for power in politics seen in Quill indictment

ON Feb. 11 the Brooklyn Grand Jury had a choice of three decisions: indict Transit Authority member Harris Klein for attempted bribery; indict Transport Workers Union pres. Michael Quill for criminal libel; throw the whole case out.

The jurors had before them Quill's charge that during a break in contract negotiations with the TA last Dec. 14, Harris had offered to support the union's demands if Quill would use his influence to get Harris an appointment as a Special Sessions judge. They also had Harris' denial.

UNDERCURRENTS: In the the background was labor's fight for political recognition. Quill and other labor leaders had backed Wagner, hoped for a place in city politics. The jury was certain to reflect the undercurrents in the Wagner administration.

The jurors indicted Quill on three counts of criminal libel, a rare charge involving a maximum penalty of $500 fine and a year in jail on each count. Libel is usually cause for civil action brought by the injured party for damages. The Grand Jury's action made it a crime. Quill was booked at the Butler St. station, pleaded not guilty, was paroled in custody of the union's lawyer, John F. O'Donnell. No date is set for trial.

TARGET—LABOR: One week after the indictment the TA was assailing the TU as responsible for transit deficits, terming the union's demands for a 25c hourly wage-boost "utterly fantastic," predicting that even without such boosts the TA (set up to eliminate deficits forever) would have a deficit within three years. The indictment seemed part of a general offensive.

The TWU and the CIO Council announced that they viewed the indictment as an assault not on Quill but on labor. The CIO exec. committee came to Quill's support and declared the charges "in effect are directed against the TWU and

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On the Square, but is it on the level?

On Washington's birthday 12,000 New Yorkers stormed Union Square dept. stores: Klein's and Hearns (where business had slumped since the strike). One glass door was broken; several persons fainted; others were treated for bruises and hysteria. Children had to be held overhead to breathe. Principal come-on: TV sets advertised at $6.95 each. There were exactly two, both small-screen and second-hand. Hearns officials said: "This is the greatest day in the history of Hearns." They talked of celebrating with a panic every year.

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THE WAR ON THE WATERFRONT

ILA dockers turn down Meany for Lewis; New Yorkers silent, but lean toward UMW

INTL. Longshoremens Assn. delegates from every port on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts met in Washington last week, listened patiently to four hours of ardent wooing by AFL pres. Meany, then turned him down by a vote of 29 to 3 and promptly went into a huddle with John L. Lewis.

Meany, emboldened by some success among Puerto Rican longshoremen, had hoped to win back to the AFL all the ports outside of New York. Organizers from the AFL and the ILA had been busy up and down the coasts in recent months. Last week the courting was over and the longshoremen (outside of New York) had become formally engaged to Lewis and the United Mine Workers.

MATRIMONY: Details of the marriage contract were still to be worked out. Longshoremen wanted their own international, affiliated to UMW. Lewis favored taking them directly into the UMA's catch-all District 50.

In any case 40,000 dock workers were about to join with the miners and share a long tradition of tough militance, big victories and a stubborn resistance to Taft-Hartley. (United Mine Workers officials have never signed T-H affidavits and function outside NLRB machinery.)

ILA representatives from New York were on hand but took no open part in the talks. The AFL had decided not to woo longshoremen in N.Y. but to take the port by force. Lewis was plainly interested but has made no move for fear of upsetting the present proceedings before the NLRB.

THE DOWRY: After the ILA won the elections last December, the AFL and Gov. Dewey prevented any certification by a series of objections to the NLRB. Last week regional NLRB director Charles T. Douds set March 1 for hearings. Affiliations of the N.Y. ILA to the T-H-defying UMW at this time would probably rule out the ILA from any participation in the hearings, make certification impossible.

As a mark of his continued affection for the New York local Lewis sent $50,000 last week, making a total of $150,000 he has contributed to fight the raid by AFL forces and Dewey.

DEWEY, KEEP OUT: That raid was fought on many fronts. In U.S. District Court last week the ILA asked Justice F. X. McGohey for an injunction to keep the Governor and other state officials from interfering in NLRB deliberations. N.Y. State, in briefs before the NLRB, has tried to make union-busting look like crime-busting. The AFL has followed the Governor's lead.

At stake is not only the ILA-AFL controversy but the state's program for complete regimentation of the waterfront. The AFL has gone along with the program. The ILA has contested it in the courts. Lewis has denounced it.

BODYGUARDS & BLOOD: N.Y.C. police had assigned 100 detectives to guard 45 ILA officials, over their protests. ("Tough Tony" Anastasia in a Supreme Court suit said his

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THE POLITICAL SWEEPSTAKES

Short GOP campaign for governor; will Mayor replace FDR Jr.?

By Elmer Bendiner

REPUBLICAN leaders last week drew up ground rules for the 1954 election campaign: a short dash on a muddy track. The campaign was set for six weeks, the shortest since 1933, to run from an unusually late Primary Day, Sept. 14, to Nov. 2. High television costs would make a longer run expensive. The GOP candidate for Governor—almost certain to be either Gov. Dewey or Sen. Ives—would need no introduction to N.Y. voters. Only the Democratic candidate could gain by a longer campaign. The Legislature controls the setting of primary dates and the GOP controls the Legislature.

However short the final race, jockeying for candidates and issues would probably go on most of the year. The Democrats in the Legislature last week were briefly driven to take up the rent issue, demanding that a bill calling for a rent roll-back be reported out of committee. The fight lasted only one night session (Feb. 22), failed to rally any popular demonstration and was lost. **Daily News** correspondent Ray Connelly commented:

"Democrats have found that their so-called corruption issues—the harness racing scandals, the Charles (Lucky) Luciano pardon, the alleged favoritism in the State Liquor Authority—haven't touched the popular imagination."

WAGNER FOR GOV.? Dewey had tried to combat the corruption issue with his Ethics Committee. Last week ethics seemed a dead duck. Legislators of both major parties considering the mild reforms proposed by State Supreme Court Justice Charles G. Lockwood, reportedly ruled they were unacceptable unless a clause were tacked on exempting legislators from their provisions.

Among Democrats jockeying for the governorship nomination, Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. continued to lose ground. The N.Y. **Times** reported: "Among Democratic legislators there is increasing talk now about the possibility of nominating Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York for Governor."

CHINA & WITCHES: The Mayor was in any case looking at broader horizons: last week he announced his support for the "Committee of One Million Against Admission of Communist China to the UN." He asked New Yorkers to sign committee petitions now being circulated condemning China and seeking to stiffen President Eisenhower in the cold war. He

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Robeson and Lovett at Guatemala meeting

Paul Robeson and Dr. Robert Morss Lovett will head the speakers' list at a rally to tell the Guatemala story and the "threat of war on our doorstep." The meeting, called by the Provisional Committee on Latin-American Affairs, is scheduled for March 12 at Manhattan Plaza, 66 E. 4th St. It will also hear from GUARDIAN's Elmer Bendiner, UE's Florentino L'Uis and Karen Morley.

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Quill indictment

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its members."

"DISASSOCIATE": At a press conference Quill carried on the battle in his own way. He said: "I charge this indictment is as phoney as a $9 bill. I charge it is a political payoff by Dist. Atty. Silver to millionaire Harris Klein and Silver's boss, Kenneth Sutherland. . . . I am calling upon the Atty. Gen. of the State of New York to investigate the abuse of the grand jury system in Brooklyn, and I am predicting now—before this case is over—the union-busting combination of Klein, Silver and Sutherland will realize that no amount of indictments, wire-tapping, or threats of conviction will stop, delay or weaken the TWU and CIO from achieving its goal of genuine collective bargaining.

"Finally I call upon the leaders of the Democratic Party in the city and state of New York to disassociate themselves from this union-busting gang in Brooklyn."

MICHAEL QUILL
Is labor the target?

SERIOUS FIGHT: Quill called for the most part in vain. The Democratic leaders from Wagner down made no move to disassociate. Republican Assemblyman Samuel Roman (Man.), wooing labor and perhaps eager to embarrass the city's Democrats, offered a resolution to set up a joint Senate-Assembly committee with a $25,000 appropriation, to investigate Quill's charges that the Grand Jury was controlled by a "political atmosphere." Roman said that if Quill was right "a precedent has been set which could threaten all labor leaders who, in the course of their union activity, cross swords with political bosses."

Though newspapers treated the battle as a piece of clowning, Quill had dropped the politician's pose and taken up a deadly serious fight for his union as well as for himself. In a letter to District Atty. Silver he said: "Klein is the notorious union-hater who once sued the Teamsters for $10 million. He has now come up with a shrewder dodge. He hopes grand jury indictments will be more effective in union-busting than his million dollar lawsuits or Taft-Hartley injunctions."

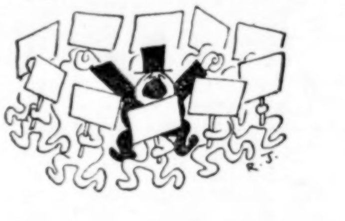
"KLEIN IS A LIAR": Quill told Silver: "At 10:30 a.m. on January 21, 2½ hours before you announced the Grand Jury investigation of my charges against Transit Authority member Harris Klein, Mr. Klein hurriedly left a meeting of the Authority and dashed four blocks to the office of Kenneth Sutherland, the discredited political boss to whom both you and Klein owe your jobs."

Quill claimed that Klein over the radio denied the visit to Boss Sutherland, then admitted it, but said it came after, not before announcement of the Grand Jury investigation. Quill asked Silver:

"The credibility of the witnesses was the essence of an intelligent investigation of my charge. Why did you withhold from the Grand Jury the proof that Klein is a liar?"

"BRAZEN COERCION": In another letter to State Atty. Gen. Nathaniel Goldstein, Quill said of the Grand Jury: "Instead of indicting the man who had committed the crime, they indicted me for making it public. This is a new technique which, if permitted, will be of great help to corrupt politicians. It is brazenly designed to intimidate and coerce citizens into silence. . . . The evidence is readily available that the Brooklyn Dist. Atty. failed and refused to call material witnesses and withheld from the Grand Jury proof that the accused public official was unworthy of belief."

From DA Silver came the comment: "Gutter tactics," From all other officials, silence.



March 6 rally on peril to labor

FOUR threats to U. S. labor were singled out as targets of a mass rally March 6 at Cornish Arms Hotel, 23d St. and 8th Av.: Walter-McCarran Act, Goldwater-Rhodes Bill, Taft-Hartley, Smith Act. Called by the Trade Union Comm. to Defend the Victims of Smith and McCarran Acts, the meeting will hear Louis Weinstock, former secy. of Painters Dist. Council 9, Constantine Radzie, Paperhangers Local 490, James Lustig, UE—all threatened with citizenship revocation; and Lee Steuben, whose husband John Steuben, editor of **March of Labor,** is similarly endangered.

New movies

THE GOLDEN COACH, English-language film made in Italy by Jean Renoir. Normandie Theater, 110 W. 57 St.

ANNA MAGNANI's delightfully and earthily bright and entertaining as the Columbine of a 17th-century Italian Commedia dell'Arte troupe visiting the New World. Worth seeing for the colorful reproductions of the Commedia performances, which few Americans have ever seen. Film could have used more of those and less of the slow, silly plot about the actress who doesn't know when she's acting and when she's not. Not up to Renoir's usual high standards for content.

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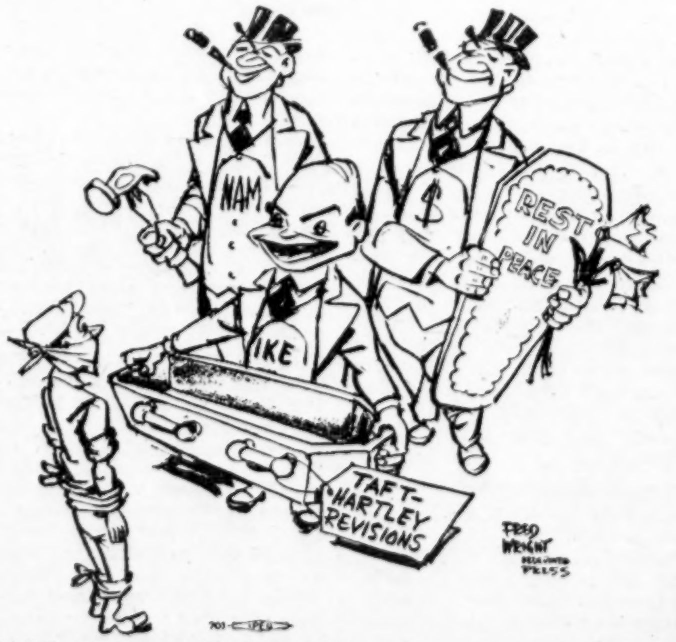

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MR. PUBLIC CALLED

Off-duty cop kills Negro for 'mumbling'

AROUND 4 a.m. on Feb. 10 two men were eating in the Wishbone Bar-B-Q, 717 St. Nicholas Av.: Patrolman William Garvin, 30, (off-duty and in civilian clothes) and postal clerk Andrew T. Brown, 44, a Negro.

Garvin expressed annoyance at Brown's "mumbling" to himself, then ordered him to "shut up . . . I'm a cop." Witnesses said the postal clerk's indifferent "so what?" so angered the policeman that he yanked Brown off the stool, dragged him to the sidewalk, threw him to the ground, kicked him and then shot him. Ordered to "get up from there," the wounded man staggered beside the cop southward on St. Nicholas Av. where, at the corner of 145th St., he dropped. Garvin, witnesses reported, slipped the empty shell from his gun and dropped it into a subway grating.

A man who called himself "Mr. Public" phoned the **Amsterdam News** that he and others who had seen the shooting had retrieved the empty shell. He said: "Come up here and get it. We'll tie it to the doorknob at 707 St. Nicholas Av. Don't worry about who we are."

A reporter and a photographer found the shell wrapped in brown paper and tied with string to the doorknob. It was photographed in the newspaper's laboratory for identification purposes and turned over to the police department. Brown died two days after being shot. He is survived by eight brothers and two sisters. His brother Richard, 206 St. Nicholas Av., applied to the NAACP Legal Redress Committee for assistance in prosecuting the policeman.

Patrolman Garvin has been suspended pending a departmental investigation. Scores of witnesses to the attack, though withholding their names, have telephoned the **Amsterdam News** and the Harlem Hospital to identify the principals and tell what they saw.

Politics

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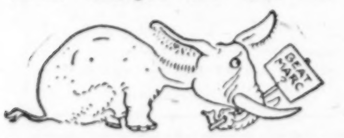
also turned City Hall over to a "Freedom Crusade" rally to raise funds for piercing iron curtains.

Radio commentator Drew Pearson reported the Mayor was consulting with his Investigations Commissioner, Peter Campbell Brown (ex-chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board), over a quiet but thorough witch-hunt among city employes. Loyalty questionnaires were prepared some months ago for civil servants, provoked bitter opposition and a challenge in court, then were held in abeyance. The hunt, according to Pearson, would continue without fanfare.

ANTI-PHANTOM: Things were quiet in the 18th CD. None of the big dailies carried a word of Vito Marcantonio's letter to Gov. Dewey calling for revision of the Wilson-Pakula law. (Marc charged the law was kept on the books to exclude him from the Democratic or Republican primaries, both of which he has won in other years; see GUARDIAN, 2/22.) The **Daily News** ran this letter in "Voice of the People":



"I read your recent editorial berating ex-Congressman Marcantonio. It doesn't surprise me that your rag is supporting the group of uppity-uppity fancy characters behind Rep. Donovan in the Yorkville district. There are 11 votes in my family, and you can be sure Donovan won't get any. Yorkville is tired of a phantom who misrepresents the people of his own district."

The **News** headed the letter: "Still Fond of Vito."

Waterfront

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guard caused him "mental anguish and embarrassment.") From July to last week the bodyguards have cost the city $250,000. Last Tuesday Police Commr. Adams announced he was calling off the guard.

On Thursday Thomas Rubino, financial secy. of ILA Local 1199, was in critical condition in Long Island College Hospital after a beating administered with two baseball bats and an 18-inch iron pipe. Rubino, along with the bats that had been broken on him, was found in the wrecked local office at 7 President St., Bklyn.

Police questioned AFL organizers including Paul Hall of the Seafarers Intl. Union, spearhead of the raid, but arrested no one.

Anastasia walked into a Brooklyn police station, said he broke off a Miami vacation because he heard he was wanted. Police said he wasn't but detectives would talk with him anyway. Two days after he left the station house police were hunting him in connection with charges of income tax frauds against his brother, Albert.

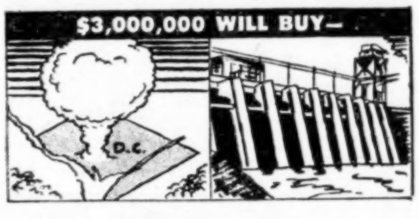
REPORT FROM ALBANY

5,849 bills filled in annual legislative farce; public hearings on grouse, none on labor laws

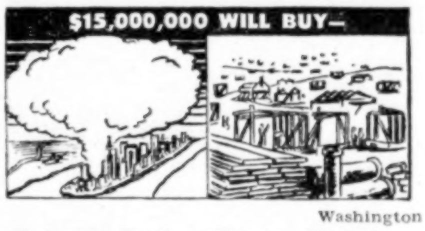
By Arthur Schutzer

Arthur Schutzer, former exec. secy. of the American Labor Party, who has covered Albany for the last 10 years as people's lobbyist, will cover it again in reports which will appear from time to time in the GUARDIAN.

BY Feb. 16, deadline for the introduction of bills by individual legislators, the record showed: 3,141 bills dropped into Assembly hoppers, 2,708 in the State Senate. For the rest of the session, new bills can be offered only by the Rules Committee.



"Super" A-Bomb or Power Project


$15,000,000 WILL BUY—

Washington Post

Hydrogen Bomb or Housing Project

Once again, the legislative farce is following the traditional pattern: token introduction of bills, mass slaughter of them in committee, and a last-minute whirl of actual legislation pushed through by a handful of leaders. This is Albany's score sheet:

PUBLIC HEARINGS: These have been scheduled on conservation bills covering such world-shaking items as open season on partridge and grouse (March 3); unsatisfied judgements and compulsory auto insurance (Feb. 19); charitable agencies (Feb. 19 and 26); five separate hearings are scheduled on a uniform commercial code dealing with bank drafts, trust receipts, etc.

No public hearing is scheduled on essential increases in benefits and coverage under the unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation laws (although several hundred bills on these subjects have been introduced); public housing (more than 100 bills were introduced), or civil rights, or a state bond issue for school construction (except by reference at the budget hearings), or child-care day centers (at least 6 bills were introduced), or rent control (more than 35 bills pending), or the election law (over 100 bills introduced).

Dewey's budget had only a one-day hearing (GUARDIAN 2/22) and was passed last week over token opposition. Democrats were told it did not shut out further consideration of aid to N. Y. City.

RESOLUTIONS: A neat device to make witch-hunting produce patronage jobs for the clubhouse boys is obvious in two similar resolutions. One, jointly sponsored by Sen. Halpern and Ass. Graci (both R-Queens) would set up a "committee to study subversive activities"; the other, by Sen. Hults and Ass. Graci, would set up a committee to "study laws regarding subversive activities." The gimmick is the request in each resolution for an appropriation of $100,000—a juicy patronage barrel by-product of the McCarthyite racket.

A "sleeper" resolution introduced by Ass. Younglove (R-Fulton and Hamilton) could open the door to a full-scale investigation of underassessment of big commercial and industrial property. This resolution (Ass. Res. 53) would authorize an inquiry into "the entire subject of the valuation of real property throughout the state and at all levels of government. . . ." If adopted, the resolution could be used to expose the $150 million underassessment bonanza reaped by big real estate interests in N. Y. C. However, the investigation also could, of course, be used as a basis for soaking small home owners for the further benefit of the big realty outfits.

N. Y. C. FISCAL PROBLEMS: Mayor Wagner has made the now-traditional pilgrimage to Albany and had his picture taken with Gov. Dewey. Like O'Dwyer and Impellitteri, Wagner will continue to issue bold statements and shake an oratorical fist at Dewey—but it's a canned, powder-puff battle without genuine fight and without genuine effort to mobilize the active support of New Yorkers. The sweet understanding between Democratic and Republican leaders threatens once again to continue our city's acute fiscal crisis and to deprive 8 million New Yorkers of decent services in education, health, welfare, sanitation, etc.

LEGISLATIVE SECRECY: Until Feb. 8 of this year, it was not possible to obtain a verbatim transcript of the remarks of any Assemblyman or State Senator made on the floor of the legislature, unless the individual legislator first gave his consent. Now, the State Senate has eased this rule a bit by making transcripts of Senate debate available to reporters. In the Assembly, the rule still governs.

The tentative date for adjournment is the third or last week in March. A sharp stepping-up of legislative action by the people is needed to make the legislators responsive to the real and urgent needs—repeal of the Transit Authority Law, emergency steps to combat growing unemployment, a fair and long-range solution of New York City's fiscal crisis, a state bond issue for new schools, protection of civil rights and liberties, an end to discrimination and segregation and police brutality, real rent control and greatly increased low-rent housing.

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Movie Suggestions

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CLUB CINEMA, Av. of Americas bet. 9-10 Sts. 8:30 & 10 p.m., Fri., Sat. & Sun.

INTERNATIONAL FILM CLASSICS:

FRANCE: Pepe Le Moko (Julien Duvivier, 1936, with Jean Gabin). Feb. 26-28.

SOME OF HOLLYWOOD'S BEST:

Talk of the Town (1942, Sidney Buchman), with Cary Grant, Jean Arthur, Ronald Colman—a legal scholar defends a framed labor leader. Mar. 5-7. Birthday cake on the house in honor of Club's 3rd Anniversary.

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, 11 W. 53d St. 3 & 5:30 p.m. daily.

THE AMERICAN SCENE, 1945-1953

Angry Boy & The Lonely Night, both by Irving Jacobi for Mental Health Film Board. Mar. 1-7.

N. Y. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Central Park W. & 77th St. **The Quiet One**, semi-docum. study of a child, 2 p.m., Mar. 6. Free.

B'KLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC, 30 Lafayette Av. **Mr. Deeds Goes to Town**, 8:15 p.m., Tues., Mar. 2; **Crash of Silence** (Br. film on a deaf girl), 8:15 pm., Sat., Mar. 6. $1.

Manhattan

AMERICAN, 236 E. 3d St. **Daring Circus Youth** (Russ. & Chinese circuses) & **Thief of Venice**, Mar. 4-5.

ART, 36 E. 8th St. **Times Gone By** (It.), Mar. 3-16.

BEEKMAN, 2d Av. bet. 65-66 Sts. **Annapurna & Paris Express**, thru Mar. 2; **Times Gone By**, Mar. 3-9.

BEVERLY, 3d Av. & 50th St. **Passionate Sentry & Folly To Be Wise** (both Br.), Feb. 27-Mar. 1.

COLONY, 1519 2d Av. **Singing in the Rain & Pat and Mike**, Feb. 28-Mar. 1.

85TH ST. TRANSLUX, 85th & Madison. **The Little Fugitive**, thru Feb. 27.

8TH ST. PLAYHOUSE, 52 W. 8th. **Kiss Me Kate**, Feb. 28-Mar. 2; **7th Veil & Green for Danger** (reissues), from Mar. 3.

55TH ST. PLAYHOUSE, 154 W. 55th. **April 1, 2000** (Austrian musical protesting 4-power occupation), continuing.

52D ST. TRANSLUX, Lexington & 52d. **Lili**, cont.

FINE ARTS, 58th bet. Park-Lexington. **Conquest of Everest** (Br. docum.), cont.

GRAMERCY, Lexington & 23d St. **Titfield Thunderbolt** (comedy) & **Project M-7** (both Br.), thru Mar. 2; **Annapurna & Paris Express**, from Mar. 3.

GREENWICH, Greenwich Av. & 12th St. **Lady Vanishes & 39 Steps** (both (reissues), thru Feb. 27; **100 Hour Hunt** (Br.) & **Twice Upon a Time**, Feb. 28-Mar. 2; **Annapurna & Paris Express**, Mar. 3-6.

GUILD, 33 W. 50th. **Hamlet** (Br., Olivier reissue), cont.

HEIGHTS, 150 Wadsworth Av. **Manon & Gigi** (both Fr.), thru Mar. 2.

LITTLE CARNEGIE, 146 W. 57th St. **Heidi** (Swiss, Eng dubbed) & **White Mane**, cont.

MIDTOWN, B'way & 100th St. **Green for Danger & Flesh and Fantasy** (reissues), Feb. 28-Mar. 2; **Times Gone By** (It.), Mar. 3-9.

NORMANDIE, 110 W. 57th St. **The Golden Coach** (Italian-made in English, with Magnani in the Commedia dell'Arte), cont.

PARIS, 4 W. 58th St. **Captain's Paradise** (Br., Guinness), cont.

PLAZA, 58th & Madison. **Julius Caesar**, cont.

60TH ST. TRANSLUX, Madison & 60th. **The Holly and the Ivy** (Br.), cont.

STANLEY, 7th Av. at 42d St. **Rimsky Korsakov & Leo Tolstoy** (both Russ. biogs.), opening: Feb. 27.

SUTTON, 57th St. & 3d Av. **Genevieve** (Br. comedy), cont.

THALIA, 95th & B'way. **Night Is My Kingdom** (Fr., Gabin) & **The Berliner** (Ger.), Feb. 26-Mar. 4.

WAVERLY, 6th Av. & 3d St. **Folly To Be Wise & Passionate Sentry** (both Br.), Mar. 4-5.

YORKTOWN, B'way & 89th. **American in Paris & Detetcive Story**, Mar. 1-2.

Bronx

ASCOT, 2313 Gr. Concourse. **Times Gone By** (It.), cont.

Events for Children

Films

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATL. HISTORY, Central Park W. at 79th St. **Wheels Across India**, Wed., Mar. 3, 4 p.m.; **Land**, Sat., Mar. 6, 2 p.m. Free.

B'KLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Park Pl. & B'klyn Av. **Children of Japan**, Tues., Mar. 2, 4:30 p.m.; **Amazon Awakens**, Wed., Mar. 3, 3:45 p.m.; **Eskimo Children**, Thurs., Mar. 4, 4:30 p.m.; **Cattlemen**, Fri., Mar. 5, 4:30 p.m. Sat., Mar. 6 Program: **Common Animals of the Woods**, 11 a.m.; **Chinese Firecrackers & Navajo Children**, 2 p.m.; **Prospect for Petroleum**, 4 p.m. Free.

MUSEUM OF CITY OF N. Y., 5th Av. & 103d St. **Mount Vernon in Virginia & This Is Tomorrow** (documen. films), 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Sat., Mar. 6. Free.

N. Y. BOTANICAL GARDENS, Bronx Park, N. Y. **Wild Flowers of the Northwest** (talk, kodachromes), 3:30 p.m., Sat., Mar. 6. Museum Bldg. Free.

85th ST. TRANS-LUX, 85th & Madison. **Francis** (talking mule), 11 a.m., Sat., Feb. 27, Children 35c, adults 50c.

Plays

HOPI INDIANS, program of Hopi songs and dances, folk-lore and costumes presented by Indian family, including two children. McMillin Theater, B'way & 116th St. Reserv. & information call MO 3-5709 or MO 3-5212. Tickets on sale at box office after 2 p.m. on day of performance. 50c.

LITLE BEAR, Matinee for Moppets featuring Peggy Bridge Marionettes & Leroy the Magician. Also Princess Morning Star (Indian dancers), Alouette the clown, Lucille Math (ballerina), Prof. Squeezebox and community sing. Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Av., B'klyn, 3 p.m., Sat., Mar. 6, 75c. ST 3-6700.

MAGIC SHOW will be given at Henry St. Playhouse, 488 Grand St. Sat., Mar. 6, 3 p.m. Children 10c, adults 60c.

SHOEMAKER AND THE ELVES, plus a Mexican Fiesta (songs & dances). Children's Own Theater, Metropolitan-Duane, 201 W. 13th St., cor. 7th Av. Performances on Sats. thru March. 3 p.m. 76c-$1.80. PL 7-6300 or CH 2-9693.

Miscellaneous

B'KLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, B'klyn Av. & Park Pl. Story Hour: **Reformed Fox**, 11:30 a.m.; **Live Animal Show**, 1:15 p.m.; Cultural Hist. Demonst., **Life in a Pueblo**, 3 p.m.; **Planetarium Demonst.**, 3:30 pm., Sat., Mar. 6. Free.

EXHIBITS: Museum of City of N. Y., 5th Av. & 103d St. **Parade of Dolls**. Over 100 dolls of all shapes, sizes and kinds ranging from the 19th Century to the present time. Dolls will be arranged in gay "living" scenes. Opens March 10. Tues.-Sats. 10-5. Sun. & holidays 1-5. Free.

MARTHA SCHLAMME, concert for young people. Children's songs from many, many lands. Carnegie Recital Hall, 154 W. 57th St. 1:45 p.m., Sun., Mar. 14. $2.40, $1.80 & $1.20. Box office: CI 7-7460. Mail orders: Intl: Folkways, 113 W. 42d St. LO 4-8317.

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EARL ROBINSON

"Lonesome Train," Robinson's well-known choral on the death of Abraham Lincoln, written with Millard Lampell, will be performed by the Jewish Young Folksingers Sat. Feb. 27, at The Pythian, 135 W. 70th St.

Where to Go

Miscellaneous

THE "NEGRO RENAISSANCE." What has become of its early writers? Discussion of background and development of works of Countee Cullen, Jessie Fauset, Langston Hughes, Nella Larson, Claude McKay, Wallace Thurman, Jean Toomer, Eric Waldron, by GUARDIAN's Eugene Gordon, editor of one of the "little magazines" of that period. 8:30 p.m., Sun., Feb. 28. ASP Galleries, 35 W. 64th St. Contribution: 75c.

ALVIN SANDLER, first one-man show of oils, caseins, temperas on the "meaning and dignity of people's lives." Teachers' Center, 206 W. 15th St. Feb. 28-Mar. 20. Opening reception Sun., Feb. 28, 3-6 p.m.

FREEDOM, How Much Can We Afford for the Individual? Prof. Henry Steele Commager, Broadway Forum, 5 p.m., Sun., Feb. 28, Broadway Tabernacle Cong. Church, B'way & 56th St. Free.

RYAH LUDINS, painter and teacher of modern art at Columbia & Ohio Univ., leads an evening of art criticism. Finished or unfinished works welcome for discussion. 8:30 p.m., Fri., March 5, ASP Galleries, 35 W. 64th St. Contribution: 50c.

FREEDOM, NECESSITY & INEVITABILITY—Man's Role in Shaping Man's Future, discussion led by Dr. Howard Selsam. 8:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 28, Jefferson School, 575 Av. of Americas. $1.

Music & Dance

JEWISH YOUNG FOLKSINGERS, concert, dir., Robert DeCormier. "This Land Is Yours and Mine" theme illustrated with folk songs of many nations, and "The Lonesome Train" choral. 8:30 p.m., Sat., Feb. 27, The Pythian, 135 W. 70th St. $1.20 & $1.80 at box office.

HENRY ST. PLAYHOUSE Dance Co. 8:30 p.m., Sun., Feb. 28, Cooper Union, Astor Pl. Free.

ROAD TO FREEDOM, pageant on Jewish life in various periods of American history, written and performed by members of Bronx Emma Lazarus Clubs in celebration of tercentenary of Jewish Life in America. Jewish Philharmonic Chorus under Eugene Malek, dancer Donald McKayle, Gypsy String Ensemble. 8:30 pm., Sat., Mar. 6, Bronx House Auditorium, 1637 Washington Av. $1.20.

MARIAN ANDERSON, contralto. 8:30 p.m., Tues., Mar. 9, B'klyn Acad. of Music, 30 Lafayette Av. Reserved seats, $2-$3.50.

FREE CONCERTS: City Symphony Orchestra under Franz Bibo, 3 p.m. Sun., Feb. 28, Amer. Museum of Natural History, Ceneral Park W. & 79th St.

PEOPLE'S SYMPHONY CONCERTS, 8:15 Sat. eves., Washington Irving H.S., Irving Pl. & 16th St. Tickets: 75c at door or Rm. 1202, 32 Union Sq. GR 3-1391. No mail orders.

Amadeus Quartet, Sat., Feb. 27.

Berkshire Quartet, with John Langstaff. St., Mar. 6.

LA PUMA OPERA, Educational Opera series, Joan of Arc H.S., 154 W. 93d St. Free. Reserv: call or write La Puma, 250 W. 91st St. TR 4-9646.

Don Pasquale, 7:30 p.m., Sun., Feb. 28.

AMATO OPERA, 8:30 p.m. 159 Bleecker St. Free. Reserv: GR 7-2844. **Faust**, Mar. 5, 6 & 7.

Drama

TOPICAL THEATRE, Brotherhood Month program: poems by Hughes & Dodson, recited by actress from Cleveland's Karamu Negro theatre; dramatic reading of **Venetian Blinds**, new play on Harlem housing; performance of Les Pine's one-acter **Grocery Store**. 8:30 p.m. Sat., Feb. 27. 77 5th Av. Admission by contribution.

TIME OF STORM, on 17th-century witch-hunting in New England, by Sheldon Stark. Directed by Michael Howard, with Jane White starred. Greenwich Mews, 141 W. 13th St. 8:40 nightly except Mon. & Fri. Reserv: TR 3-4810. Opens Feb. 18.

SHADOW OF A GUNMAN, Sean O'Casey play on the Irish revolution. "Studio 8:40." Fri.-Sun., 8:40 p.m., 115 W. 52d St. $1.50. PL 7-6300.

THE WORLD OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM, 19th century Jewish humor dramatized by Arnold Perl. Barbizon-Plaza Theater, 58th & 6th Av. Tues.-Sun. eves., mats. Sat. & Sun. CO 5-7845.

THE CORN IS GREEN, by Emlyn Williams. Equity Community Theatre. 8:30 p.m., Fri. & Sat., Mar. 5 & 6. Bryant H.S., 48th St. & 31st Av., Queens. $1.20 & 90c.

THE HASTY HEART, comedy by John Patrick. Equity Library Theater, Lenox Hill Playhouse, 331 E. 70th St. 8:30 p.m. March 3-7, matinee 3 p.m., Sun., Madch 7. Free, send stamped, addressed envelope to ELT.

Bryson meeting here March 2

Marine Cooks and Stewards pres. Hugh Bryson, first officer of a national union to be indicted on a charge of falsely swearing to a Taft-Hartley Act non-Communist oath, will be honored at a reception and meeting at 8 p.m. Tues., Mar. 2, at the Hotel McAlpin Ballroom. Bryson's trial will begin shortly in Washington.

Speakers at the meeting will be Albert J. Fitzgerald, United Electrical Workers president; Jeff Kibre, Washington representative of the Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union; Dick Bishop, MCS steward; Ben Gold, Intl. Fur and Leather Workers President. Gold went on trial in Washington Feb. 23 on a charge similar to Bryson's.

Praxagora expurgated

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

A group of seniors at Cooper Union in New York were presenting a play by the Greek Aristophanes. The timorous board of directors of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, who had a hand (it would be nearer the truth to say foot) in staging the play, deleted 130 lines, some of which they considered might be interpreted as pro-communistic. To the credit of Robert Klein, the distinguished director, this censorship was exercised over his protest. The following lines are a sample of what was deleted:

PRAXAGORA

The rule which I dare to enact and declare,
Is that all shall be equal and equally share
All wealth and enjoyments, nor longer endure
That one should be rich, and another be poor,
That one should have acres, far stretching and wide,
And other not even enough to provide
Himself with a grave: that this at his call
Should have hundreds of servants and that none at all.
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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS IN 2 EUROPEAN KEY POINTS

The facts in Berlin — the fiction abroad

By George Wheeler
Guardian staff correspondent

BERLIN

THE press conferences of Soviet press officer Ilyichov were clearly the most popular at the Foreign Ministers' Conference here—not just because of the abundance of all the facilities reporters need, from whiskey to phones, but because he gave the fullest and most interesting accounts of the meetings. The British and French seemed a little reluctant to comment, perhaps because their men did not play such a stellar role. The American press conferences were reduced to propaganda sessions in which only that part of the meeting was released which fitted into Dulles' program. One reporter of a big western paper grumbled: "You'd think this was Tokyo and the Pentagon was running the show."

Ilyichov had the easier job because Molotov took the initiative in making constructive proposals. Molotov was obviously in "very good form." For example, his comment when Dulles refused to consider a five-power conference because it would "undermine UN": There have been many three-power conferences and they have discussed subjects that concerned all parts of the world. Now there are also two-power conferences, such as the U. S.-U. S. S. R. talks on atomic energy. Why is it that only five-power conferences undermine UN? The UN Charter placed special responsibility on just these five nations to maintain the peace.

RAW TACTICS: Always when a vote was about to be taken after Molotov had made a convincing plea, Dulles would rush in to state the U. S. position in categorical terms, and sometimes add that he believed his position was that of the British and French. Gone was the pretense of the first few hours that the great Lincolnesque Bidault would be the spokesman for the West. These tactics were so raw, particularly after the build-up, that Bidault must have been overwhelmed with resentment.

E. GERMAN TRUTH: Reports of unrest in E. Germany published in the Western press appear to be complete fiction. The German Committee for Unity held a highly unusual press conference Feb. 12. Western correspondents were invited to meet some 150 workers and housewives from all the alleged "centers of unrest" in the German Democratic Republic. Albert Norden, State Secy. for the committee, said the spate of stories about unrest in the GDR (he held up a copy of the London **Daily Express** headlined EAST ZONE BOILING UP) were clearly aimed to offset the favorable impression Molotov's proposals had made in all of Germany. One of the directives given by Ewing of the U. S.-run RIAS radio station here in Berlin, Dec. 21, was that press and radio must not only help break up the conference but give the impression the failure was due to the Soviet delegation.

PLENTY OF BIRDS IN THE STALINALLEE

George Wheeler writes: "I noticed this shop in the workers' district of East Berlin and asked if I might take a picture. All the shops are first class—and have been since they were built."

Since the first of this month a new influx of U. S. and British agents has been noted in the GDR—to issue false directives to industry and transport, burn barns, disrupt agriculture, spread rumors, give plausibility to stories of unrest and demonstrations. Most have been exposed and confessed. The arsonists, for example, got their instructions in the much-touted "Amerika Haus" from the "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity," which like other such groups is composed mainly of former Nazis and war criminals, waging what amounts to a guerrilla war against the GDR.

"FREE" FASCISM—NO: This explains why the reactions of the workers and housewives to some of the questions were so explosive. The first to speak was a miner—he read his speech and it did not sound too convincing because he spoke partly in slogan. But after that, the workers warmed up and needed no notes. Mr. Dietrich of the North West German radio asked if agitators in the factories had said a "free election is fascism." At least a dozen workers were on their feet asking to answer—all of them wanted free elections but they did not want 'free elections" which would bring them fascism as they had once before.

They wanted no "free elections" in which Gen. Kesselring and his stormtroopers helped run the show; no "free elections" which would let the Ruhr monopolists take over their factories. "How stupid does Adenauer think we are?" one of them asked.

THEY GOT A HAMMER: Magdeburg had been named in stories as a "center of unrest." Half-a-dozen men had come from there, but the only unrest they could report was anger at newspaper reports. A worker from the Thaelmann (formerly Krupp) Works said they had rebuilt the plant from the ashes left by U. S. bombers, and would smash with their hammers any hand that tried to take the plant from them.

Many of those who spoke said they were "non-party people" but they liked Molotov's program. They thought most Germans who had a chance to learn about it did, too. It provided for withdrawal of foreign troops and a peace treaty this year without reparations—and that sounded good to them. One man said he was an 'SED [Socialist Unity Party] agitator," then waving a W. Berlin paper said: "The lies in here are the best propaganda I've got. They help in the political development of the workers."

FADEOUT: Several workers asked the correspondents where they got their stories, with no response. The biggest laugh came when the workers were asked if it were true the rest of E. Germany had been stripped to build up the food displays on Berlin's Stalinallee. Perhaps there was a little exaggeration and local pride in the reply of a man from Dresden that they had more consumer goods there.

The workers were steamed up and willing to talk for a long time. But there was a strange lack of questions from the reporters, who only a short time before had been saying that they would "like to meet some real German workers." Now they were trying to leave the hall as inconspicuously as possible.

They did not like the "unrest" they found; it would be interesting to read their report, if any, of this workers' press conference. (Ed. note: The conference was not reported in the N. Y. press.)

Why Italy is going Left

By Ursula Wassermann
Guardian special correspondent

ROME, ITALY

A COMPARISON between the social and economic conditions in Italy today and those of Russia immediately before the 1917 revolution may be shrugged off by some as "leftist propaganda." Yet the more one gets to know the people's day-to-day life, the more apt it seems to be. Corruption in high places runs rampant; the middle class edges toward ruin; the big landowners, the industrialists and the military seem to be reaching a point of no return. Money can still be sweated out of the mass of the population, but with capital investment almost at a standstill, the owning class lives off capital rather than off its efforts or profits. It almost seems aware that its days are numbered, determined to have one last great spree—and "after us, the deluge."

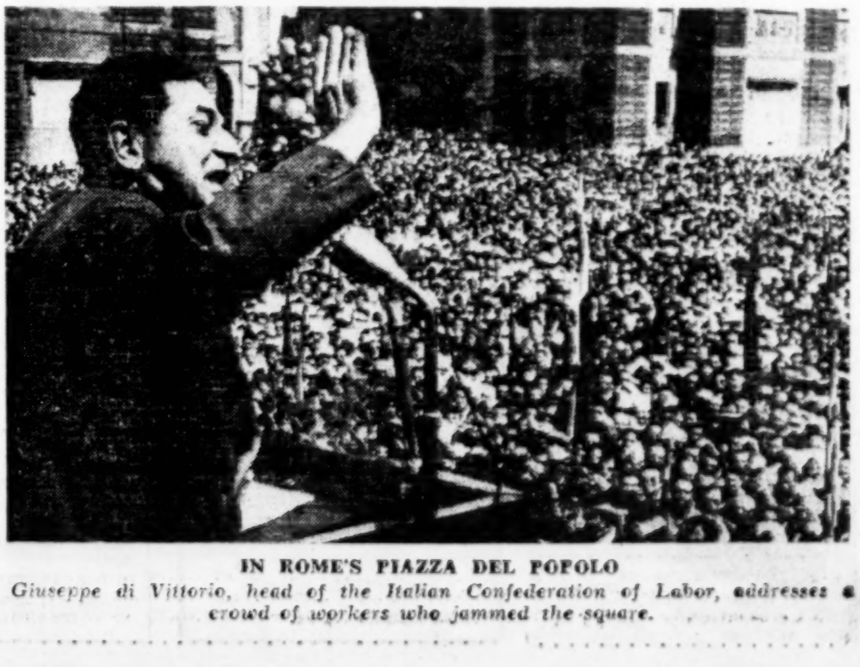
I have been struck by this phenomenon more forcibly on each of my three visits to Italy in the past 18 months. On this visit I have not visited the south, by far the poorest section, but the north and center are indicative—if not of the grimmest misery that exists.

SHARP CONTRAST: In the large cities the display of fantastic luxury is in open and violent contrast to the destitution of half the Italian people. The 17-volume report of a parliamentary commission's "Inquiry into *La Miseria*" is filled with dynamite, according to advance press reports. It shows that while millions of families are officially recognized as utterly destitute, at least ⅔ of the nation are ill-clad, ill-fed, ill-housed. Thousands of children in southern Italy die each year from famine. Yet whole streets of shops in Rome, Milan, Florence and Venice display such luxury as is not to be found elsewhere except possibly in a few stores on the Rue de Rivoli, or Fifth Avenue, or indeed in Adenauer's Germany. A simple woolen dress costs the equivalent of a highly-skilled worker's monthly wage; a night for two in a Rome hotel room with bath, the equivalent of a week's wage; a meal for four in a good, not de luxe, restaurant represents two weeks' wages.

It is against this background, and the corresponding and ever-growing strength of the Italian labor movement in its fight for a better life, that Italian foreign policy must be seen. Opposition to pro-U. S. policies grows daily among the people. Italians of many parties concede that the Trieste "incident" was an attempt, planned in Washington and Rome, to make Italy "safe" for the Atlantic Pact by distracting attention from explosive conflicts to what is so largely an emotional issue for Italians.

THE SPECTER: After some confusion and hesitation, the Italian Left is united in resisting Western plans for Trieste, insisting on the city's internationalization according to peace treaty terms. But for the Right, chauvinism is the only sex-appeal and Trieste in 1953-4 is what Ethiopia was in 1936. Without Trieste a right-wing government would stand no chance in Italy.

One specter haunting the right-wing governments, now proving more and more fleeting, is: Will Italy receive an even harsher ultimatum from John Foster Dulles than it recently received from Ambassador Claire Luce? Is Washington getting ready not only to abandon France in favor of W. Germany, but also Italy in favor of Franco Spain? But the continuing specter is labor's growing strength, against a background of cynical luxury for the few which makes the comparison with Russia just before its revolution something more than "propaganda."



IN ROME'S PIAZZA DEL POPOLO

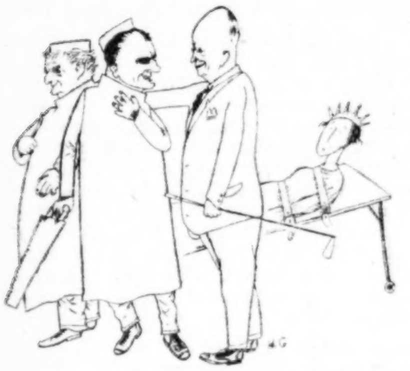
Giuseppe di Vittorio, head of the Italian Confederation of Labor, addresses a crowd of workers who jammed the square.

FREEDOM CONFERENCE IN CAPITAL MARCH 10

NAACP youth parley demands public works plan and better job opportunity program

TWO hundred Negro and white delegates from D.C. and 19 states at the NAACP Youth Legislative Conference on Howard University's campus, Washington, in January, demanded:

- Extensive public works programs, especially in "economically distressed" areas, with emphasis on public housing, schools, hospitals;
- Increase in the federal minimum wage law to $1.25 hourly and extension to all workers;
- Increased job opportunities for youth through more federal aid to vocational schools, job-placement services in such schools, and apprenticeship training available to all young workers.



"I leave her in your hands, Doctor."

The conference called for defeat of the Bricker amendment as a device to prevent UN efforts to get human rights covenants ratified; for votes for 18-year-olds, and for replacement of S. Carolina Gov. James F. Byrnes as UN delegate by someone who agrees "with the President's stated position that every vestige of segregation and discrimination be removed from American life." A message from Vice-President Richard Nixon said it was "important to prove to all the world that here in this great democracy we are working toward the principles which will guarantee to all peoples, regardless of their national origin, background, color, creed, an equal opportunity . . . as American citizens."

The Baltimore **Afro-American** during the 1952 Presidential campaign published a photo of Nixon's $41,000 house in Washington, along with excerpts from a signed covenant pledging never to sell it to or permit its occupancy by Negroes, Jews, Armenians, Persians, or Syrians except as servants.

"HISTORY MILESTONE": The NAACP March 10 in Washington will hold a "Freedom Fulfillment Conference" which, according to Board of Directors chairman Channing H. Tobias, "may well mark an historic milestone in our long struggle to achieve a truly democratic society." The long-published "Fight for Freedom" program will be formally launched with speeches by President Eisenhower and N.Y.'s Senator Herbert H. Lehman.

BLUFFING: S. Carolina Gov. Byrnes and Georgia's Herman Talmadge "haven't got a chance of abandoning public schools" and know it, NAACP secy. Walter White assured a Charleston Negro congregation Jan. 31. "Neither the intelligent white people nor intelligent Negroes would permit" the "illegal" act; the NAACP "will go back to the Supreme Court again and again and again" to get a decision outlawing jimcrow schools. The court has had the case since last fall.

THE FREE WORLD: On a recent Caribbean tour, White found in Guiana "the tension was greater than at the time of Britain's revocation of the constitution by Great Britain," though "the maximum number of persons in the colony faithfully following the Communist Party line is estimated by the most conservative at no more than 20." He said the "free world" failure "to make any substantial contribution to the improvement of conditions" encouraged "Communist propaganda." Example: A U.S. naval-station employe from the states is paid $6,032; native Puerto Rican, $3,224, "although the qualifications and responsibilities are identical."

VIOLENCE AVERTED: Regular employes of Norwalk's (Conn.) Hat Corp. of America, members of United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers (AFL), had been striking 30 weeks in protest against the company's threat to run away to the South. The company brought in Negro workers, themselves unemployed because of discrimination, as strikebreakers. Tension was at the exploding point when Herbert Hill, NAACP labor relations assistant, with Norwalk and Bridgeport chapters, persuaded many strikebreakers to leave the plant. Once they understand the basic issues involved, the NAACP believes, all the strikebreakers will leave.

SPINGARN MEDAL: The late Joel E. Spingarn, while chairman of NAACP's board of directors in 1914, instituted the Spingarn Medal award, the first going to Howard University's Dept. of Biology head Ernest E. Just in 1915. Other winners have been Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, an NAACP founder, Carter G. Woodson, founder of Negro History Week, Marian Anderson and Paul Robeson. Names of candidates for last year's award, with supporting evidence of achievement, are now being sought by the Spingarn Award Committee, 20 W. 40th St., N.Y.C. 18.

Time is short to win Wells clemency

An emergency conference to organize Wesley Robert Wells' fight for clemency has been called by 87 Los Angeles community leaders for Sunday afternoon, March 7, at Victory Baptist Church, 48th and McKinley Sts., the Rev. Arthur A. Peters, pastor. Arthur Patterson, AFL Retail Clerks Local 770 business agent, and former police commissioner David M. Williams joined such sponsors of the conference as U. of S. Calif. psychology prof Marcel Frym, **Herald-Dispatch** editor Mrs. Pat Alexander, Rabbi Aaron Wise and Democratic Party leader Mrs. Adell Erenberg. Superior Court Judge A. A. Scott, who sentenced Wells to San Quentin, is also a sponsor.

Having been in prison since he was 19, the 44-year-old Wells is scheduled to die in the gas chamber April 9 because, under extreme provocation, he threw a cuspidor at and hurt (but did not kill) a prison guard. The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to review Wells' case; however, Gov. Goodwin Knight, State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif., can act for clemency at any time.

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39 already indicted in Ohio witch-hunt

IN Cincinnati, O., Judge George E. Kearns has ruled that the work of a state Commission on Un-American Activities is "exploratory"; that therefore it is not restricted to a quest for information upon which to base recommendations for legislation; and that, as a final consequence, witnesses appearing before it are not entitled to the protection of the First and Fifth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The state witch-hunters so far have indicted 39 persons for contempt of the legislature; of four already brought to trial, three were convicted and sentenced to pay fines of $500 each and serve ten days in jail. Ninety per cent of those attacked are active trade unionists; others include members of an organization of the unemployed; a community group seeking a new playground and swimming pool; and leaders of the NAACP.

CITY BAR HELPS: The convicted are Talmadge Raley, business representative of Local 766 of the independent United Electrical Workers; Joe Stern, a leading member of the same local, and Emmett Brown, member of an AFL building trades union and a leader in the Negro community. All are free on bail pending appeal. They were defended by four top leaders of the City Bar Assn., including the president, the vice-president and the chairman of its Bill of Rights Committee.

Throughout its hearings, the Ohio Un-American Commission has concentrated its fire against independent political activity. Its chairman, Gordon Renner, as a candidate for re-election in 1952, used the testimony of a witness who served a prison sentence for forgery and spent five years in a mental institution to influence the vote.

The Commission chairman this year is being opposed for election to the State Senate by a union leader.

DEFENSE GROUP: Last week the UE Local 766 Defense Committee (Chmn. Arthur H. Smith, 1930 Vine St., Cincinnati 10, Ohio) was seeking aid in the state-wide fight. Smith wrote:

> "Since this case is so important to everyone, we are appealing to you to help in any way you can to reverse Judge Kearns' decision and protect the American Constitution and way of life."

Reuel Stanfield, who was acquitted in the trial of the four, wrote: "We are so damn few here and have so much to do we need all the help we can get."

Anita Blaine

ANITA McCORMICK BLAINE, multi-millionaire humanitarian and a principal supporter of the Wallace-Taylor Presidential campaign in 1948, died in Chicago at 87 on Lincoln's Birthday. A daughter of Cyrus H. McCormick, developer of the McCormick reaper and forebear of Intl. Harvester Corp., Mrs. Blaine inherited much of his fortune.

Her husband, Emmons Blaine—son of the 1884 Republican candidate for President, James G. Blaine—died young, and their only son Emmons Blaine Jr. died in 1918. From the time of her husband's death she became active in good works, first in Chicago settlement houses, always in educational projects. She was deeply religious and considered her faith as an obligation to act for human betterment, especially to advance the cause of world peace. This concern led her to active identification with the Progressive Party in 1948, and to set up a $1,000,000 Foundation for World Government headed by Dr. Stringfellow Barr.

BACKED GUARDIAN CAUSES: She was a staunch advocate of the NATIONAL GUARDIAN almost from its inception, gave generously to causes it presented such as the campaign to save the lives of the Trenton Six. She provided the initial backing for the N.Y. **Daily Compass** in early 1949. At the end of that year she underwent a serious operation from which she never recovered sufficiently to resume activity in her chosen fields.

She was a sister of H. Fowler McCormick of Intl. Harvester and a cousin of Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago **Tribune**, with whose policies she heartily disagreed. She is survived by a granddaughter, Nancy Blaine Harrison, and an infant great-grandson, Blaine.

Among her bequests was $333,000 to Yenching University in Peking, founded in 1919 by the Rev. Dr. John Leighton Stuart, later U.S. Ambassador to China 1946-49. Dr. Stuart is still president-on-leave of Yenching. The United Board for Christian Colleges in China, 150 Fifth Av., N.Y.C., is seeking to have the bequest diverted to "other projects." Among the Board's projects are a university in Hong Kong and plans for one in Formosa.

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Nelson reversal spotlights vicious state laws on sedition; six in Detroit get 4 to 5 years

STEVE NELSON, Pittsburgh Communist Party leader and Spanish War veteran, was freed Jan. 25 from the 20-year sentence and $10,000 fine imposed July 10, 1952, under Pennsylvania's "sedition" law (GUARDIAN, 2/1). The state Supreme Court's 4-to-1 ruling reversed the conviction because Pennsylvania's law—passed 35 years ago and often used against workers' organizing efforts—was superseded by the federal Smith Act, under which Nelson (and many others) had already been sentenced to five years.

The majority opinion on Nelson was written by State Supreme Court Judge Charles Jones, whose reference to that provision of the "sedition" law allowing "private individuals" to file charges seemed aimed at fellow-jurist Michael Musmanno. Judge Jones wrote:

> "The opportunity thus presented for the indulgence of personal spite or hatred or for furthering some selfish advantage or ambition need only be mentioned to be appreciated."

It was Musmanno who, shortly after the start of the Korean War, ordered Nelson, Andrew Onda and James Dolsen arrested; desks, tables and chairs removed from Pittsburgh's CP headquarters to a warehouse as "evidence"; and the party office padlocked. Through a series of shrewd "anti-communist" actions Musmanno rose from judge of Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas to State Supreme Court judge.

OTHERS AFFECTED: More than 1,000 of Nelson's well-wishers jammed Manhattan's lower East Side Chateau Gardens Jan. 5 to cheer his victory and pledge to free Dolsen and Onda, tried in Allegheny County's Court of Quarter Sessions under the same law. Dolsen, 69-year-old Pittsburgh **Daily Worker** correspondent, is still in Pennsylvania's ill-famed Blawnox prison; Onda, awaiting 20-year sentence when the sedition-law ruling came through, is hospitalized with a damaged heart. The N.Y. **Guild Lawyer** commented that the ruling would

> ". . . immediately . . . result in the dismissal of indictments against Dolsen and Onda [and will affect] many other state sedition laws . . . and prosecutions . . . now current under several of them."

Massachusetts' sedition law, under which Prof. Dirk Struick of Mass. Institute of Technology was indicted, is the most notorious after Pennsylvania's. **Guild Lawyer** observes that similar, "though perhaps not identical, points are raised by the passage of 'little McCarran Acts' in Michigan, New Hampshire and elsewhere."

VICTIMS TALLIED: The January **Amnesty Trumpet** (Natl. Comm. to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims, 667 Madison Av., N.Y.C. 21) lists to date a total of 109 victims including 18 women, some with young children. Husbands of six mothers have also been indicted, their children facing the prospect of losing both parents, as happened with Mrs. Regina and Philip Frankfeld. Eleven defendants, including a woman, are Negroes; 17 (three of them women) face deportation or loss of citizenship once the Smith Act proceedings are completed. The courts severed the cases of five seriously ill; others—Mrs. Helen Winter in Detroit had to be carried into court on a stretcher—are compelled to stand trial despite physicians' warnings.

Detroit's six defendants on Feb. 19 were found guilty and sentenced to terms of four to five years. Total original bail of $37,500 was increased to $70,000. Mrs. Winter remained free on the original $5,000 bail pending appeal. The five men, unable to provide bail, were held in the Wayne Co. jail. The Michigan Civil Rights Congress, 918 Charlevoix Bldg., Detroit 26, is seeking loans and donations.

On Feb. 15 the prosecution in the second Foley Sq. (N.Y.) trial filed a 140-page brief answering the 13 defendants' brief on appeal. This appeal is to be argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals April 6. The 13 were convicted Jan. 21, 1953, sentenced to 1-3 years and fined from $2,000 to 6,000. Said **Amnesty Trumpet:**

> "While a number of the defendants, principally those in the Calif. and N.Y. trials, are national leaders of the CP, many . . . have been state or community leaders and many others active in their unions and in struggles for civil rights and peace. Nine are newspaper editors or journalists connected in some capacity with the N.Y. **Daily Worker** or the West Coast **Peoples World.** In the five trials completed, two defendants had their cases dismissed . . .for lack of evidence, and one was found not guilty (Seattle). All the others were convicted. Fifteen are serving their sentences; others are in various stages of appeal to the courts."

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Onward and upward in UN

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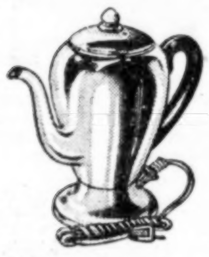

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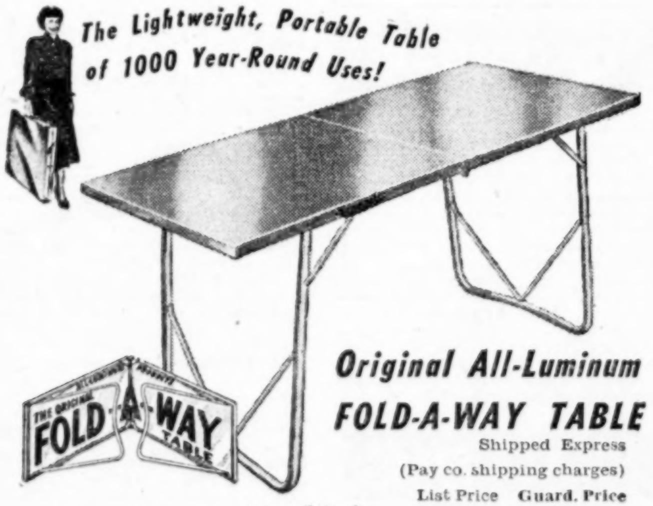

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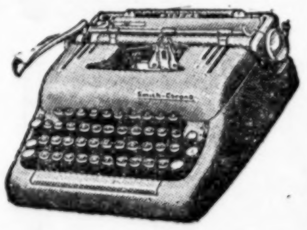

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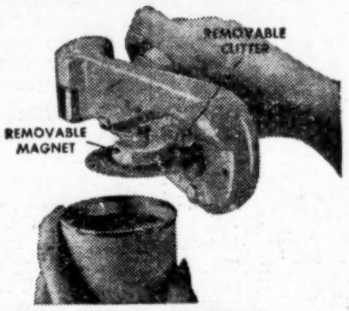

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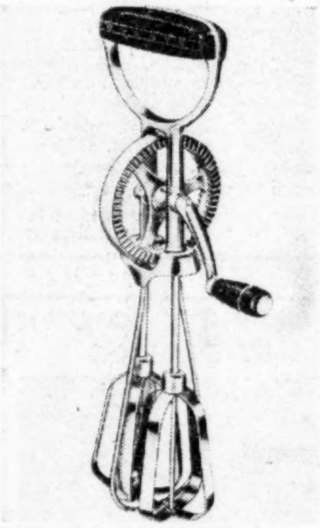

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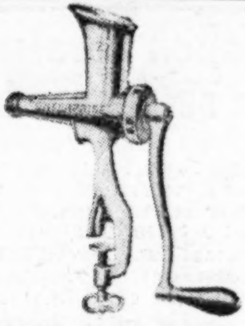

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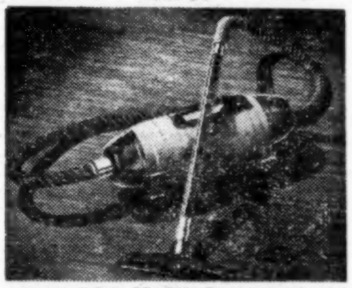

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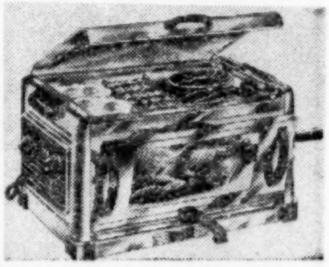

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